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SUBJECT: SYRIA TITLE I, PL 480 WHEAT AND RICE AGREEMENT

1. AS WE INDICATED RECENTLY UPON DEPARTURE OF AN AID SURVEY TEAM, SYRIANS AT HIGHEST LEVELS STILL HAVE WARM AND VIVID MEMORIES OF YOUR VISIT TO DAMASCUS, WHICH AS YOU RECALL, WAS FOLLOWED BY NOVEMBER 20 SIGNATURE OF OUR FIRST PL 480 AGREEMENT HERE IN OVER ELEVEN YEARS.

2. SYRIAN CORPORATE MEMORY ON PL 480 PROCEDURES, HOWEVER, IS WEAK AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE PITCHER HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND DILIGENT IN FOLLOWING UP IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS. I TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS FEBRUARY 13 VISIT TO DAMASCUS WE BELIEVE ALL PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS FROM THE SYRIAN SIDE HAD BEEN ANSWERED. DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD, THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT FROM OUR SIDE THERE WAS NO FURTHER PROBLEM AND WE WERE READY TO MOVE. (SECRETARY ALSO SAID US WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL 25,000 MT WHEAT AND 10,000 MT RICE REQUESTED BY SARG.)

3. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING SOMEONE ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOUR STAFF PERSONALLY FOLLOW UP TO ENSURE THE IMMEDIATE

ISSUANCE OF THE REQUIRED PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE
INITIAL 75,000 TONS WHEAT AND 25,000 TONS RICE, BY YOUR
DEPARTMENT. IT MAY WELL TAKE SOME HAND-HOLDING
AND DETAILED COACHING OF SYRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
WITH YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST, HOWEVER, I AM HOPEFUL THE
PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS WILL BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 20.
WARM REGARDS.
MURPHY

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